## National Association of Enrolled Agents

# BECOME AN ENROLLED AGENT

#### What is an Enrolled Agent?

Enrolled agents (EAs) are America's Tax Experts®. They are the only federally-licensed tax practitioners who both specialize in taxation and have unlimited rights to represent taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service. These tax specialists have earned the privilege of representing taxpayers before the IRS by either passing a three-part examination covering individual tax returns; business tax returns; and representation, practice and procedure or through relevant experience as a former IRS employee. All candidates are subjected to a rigorous background check conducted by the IRS.



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#### **How Enrolled Agents Stand Out**



Credibility

Enrolled Agent status is the highest credential the IRS awards.



**Experience** 

All EAs specialize in Taxation and go beyond basic requirements.



#### Expertise

Enrolled agents, like attorneys, have unlimited practice rights and are unrestricted as to which taxpayers they can represent, what types of tax matters they can handle, and which IRS offices they can represent clients before.

### Top Reasons To Become An EA:

- Fewer requirements than obtaining CPA license
- EAs are more than tax practitioners with IRS Representation expertise
- Higher salary potential compared to unenrolled tax preparers
- **©** EAs can practice in any state

#### **What Enrolled Agents Do**

Enrolled agents advise, represent, and prepare the tax returns of individuals, partnerships, corporations, estates, trusts, and any other entity with tax reporting requirements. EAs prepare millions of tax returns each year and their expertise in the continually changing field of taxation enables them to effectively represent taxpayers audited by the IRS. In addition to tax preparation and tax representation, many enrolled agents offer other business-related services, which may include:

Bookkeeping



Financial planning or budgeting



Payroll Services Preparation and Assistance



